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In re Application

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Title: FEDERATED MANAGEMENT OF CONTENT  
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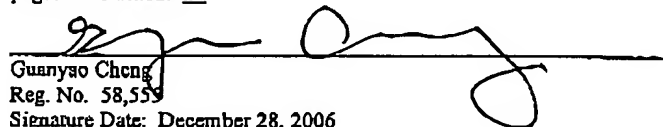
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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicant brings this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 to withdraw the above-identified patent application from issue so as to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement. This petition is accompanied with a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 ("RCE") and an Information Disclosure Statement.

FACTS

The present application was filed on July 11, 2003.

The issue fee for this application was paid on December 20, 2005.

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### DISCUSSION

Applicant believes that Applicant has a duty to disclose the article entitled: "FARSITE: Federated, Available, and Reliable Storage for an Incompletely Trusted Environment," pages 1- 14 by Adya et al., to the United States Patent Office under Rule 56. However, 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 states that an Information Disclosure Statement must be filed no later than the payment of the issue fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)). Specifically, 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i) states that an Information Disclosure Statement filed before the grant of a patent, but after the payment of the issue fee, "will be placed in the file, but will not be considered by the office."

The present application can be withdrawn from issue upon petition by the Applicant under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313. The rule states that any petition must include a showing of good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application is necessary. Applicant asserts that withdrawal from issuance is necessary if the Examiner is to consider the above noted reference: "FARSITE: Federated, Available, and Reliable Storage for an Incompletely Trusted Environment." A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 ("RCE") is filed concurrently with this petition, along with an Information Disclosure Statement.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Applicant petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the present application from issuance so that Applicant can file a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 along with an Information Disclosure.

The present petition requires a \$130.00 fee set forth in §1.17(h) and the fee of \$790.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) for the filing of the Request for Continued Examination.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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